

*Is Your State
Taking Full
Advantage of
SREB's
Programs and
Services?*

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The Southern Regional
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*An overview of SREB programs and services and how
each member state participates in them*

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Services to State Policymakers

- Legislative and Staff Services
- Customized Responses to Requests
- Policy Research and Development
- State Follow-up and Implementation Support



The image shows a screenshot of a legislative report page from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). The page is titled "Legislative Report #3 | May 2017" and includes a map of the Southern United States. The report is titled "Legislative Report" and "Governors' legislative and budget proposals". The first section is "Delaware" with a link to the budget proposal. The text discusses the governor's proposed budget reset plan for 2017-18, which aims to close a projected \$385 million budget shortfall and balance the state budget with reductions and new revenues. It also mentions funding for K-12 education and higher education.

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Legislative Report

Governors' legislative and budget proposals

Delaware (<http://www.budget.delaware.gov/budget/fy2018/index.shtml>)

The governor's proposed budget reset plan for 2017-18 would close a projected \$385 million budget shortfall and balance the state budget with reductions and new revenues. Growing expenses for school enrollment and Medicaid contributed to about \$150 million of the gap. The budget reset plan, which draws on the recommendations of the bipartisan Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Committee's Advisory Council on Revenues, modifies the budget proposed by the governor's predecessor and is designed to contain long-term costs and rebalance Delaware's revenue portfolio to respond to economic growth. It makes changes in corporate franchise taxes and fees, simplifies the personal income tax structure and increases taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products. Overall, the operating budget would increase 0.3 percent over the current year to \$4.1 billion.

For K-12 education, the proposal provides \$25.1 million to fund enrollment growth and new teachers in Delaware classrooms. It provides early childhood education with an additional \$4.7 million, and \$1 million for Opportunity Grants to schools serving disadvantaged students.

The budget includes a \$22 million reduction to the Educational Sustainment Fund but also proposes giving Delaware school districts the flexibility to raise local property taxes without referendum to offset the reduction. Funding for school district and charter school operations would be \$1.1 billion, a decrease of 1.5 percent.

In higher education, funding for the University of Delaware would decline 2 percent to \$116.3 million, reflecting decreases to university operations, college programs and scholarships. Delaware State University would see funding reduced by 1.9 percent to \$34.5 million.

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Education Policies

- Engaging Students

- Academic Common Market
 - Regional Contract Program
 - SARA

- Assessing Progress

- State Progress Reports
 - Benchmarking Standards
 - SREB-Data Exchange

- Networking

- Go Alliance and Go Alliance Academy
 - Educational Technology Cooperative

- Working with Colleges and Universities

- Doctoral Scholars Program
 - Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing



School Improvement

- **Network of**
 - High Schools
 - Middle Schools
 - Technology Centers
 - STEM Pathway Academies
- **Professional Development Services**
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Alternative Certified CTE Teachers
 - Project-Based Assignments
 - Leadership Development for Turnaround Schools

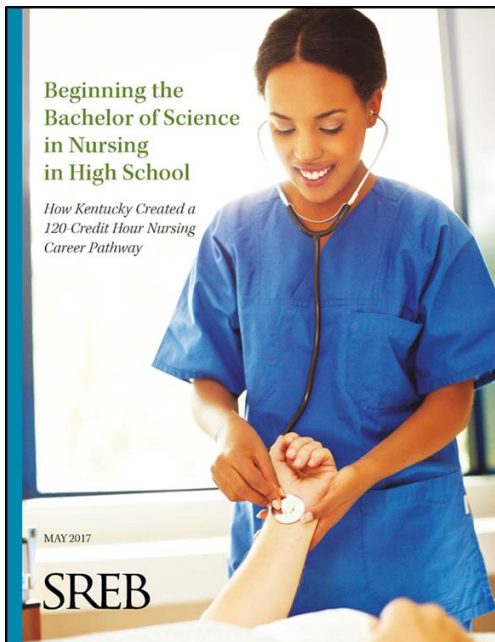
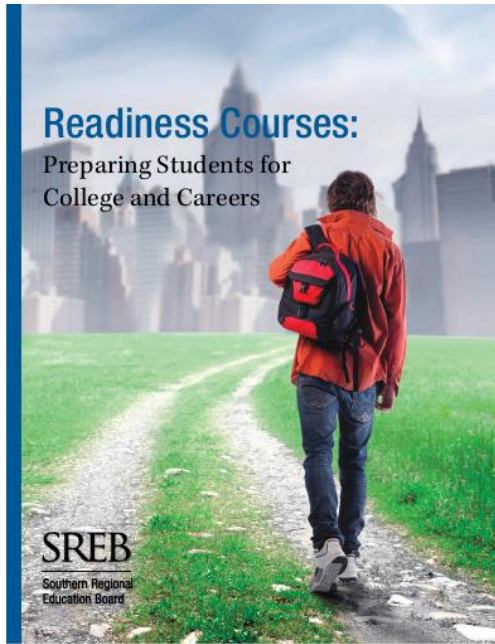
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Improvement

School Improvement



- **High-Quality Curriculum**

- College Readiness Courses
- High School Readiness Courses
- Advanced STEM Career Pathway Courses

- **Special Convenings and Services**

- College and Career Readiness Networking Conference
- HSTW Staff Development Conference
- Career Pathway Audits / Studies
- Career Pathway Development Leading to Credentials / Degrees
- Literacy and Math Classroom Observation Tools

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